

**PSC ESTABLISHES LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE IN  
METROPOLITAN CALLING AREA (MCA) CASE**

Jefferson City (March 1, 2000)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **Springfield, Clayton, Chesterfield, Kansas City and Lee's Summit to receive customer comment on a case examining Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) telephone service in Missouri. MCA is a flat rate, toll free calling plan for exchanges in the greater metropolitan areas of Springfield, St. Louis and Kansas City.**

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

<b>March 27, 2000</b>	<b>April 10, 2000</b>	<b>April 10, 2000</b>
<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	<b>Chesterfield</b>
City Council Chambers	County Council Chambers	PSC offices
830 Boonville	41 South Central	815 Charter Commons Dr., Suite 100B
<b>6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April 12, 2000</b>	<b>April 12, 2000</b>	
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>Lee's Summit</b>	
Jackson County Courthouse	Bernard C. Campbell Junior High School	
Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area	1201 N.E. Colbern Road	
415 East 12th Street, Room 204	<b>6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.</b>		

**The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission as well as other parties in the case, will be available one hour prior to the hearing for brief informational presentations and to answer questions.**

Basic local telephone service competition has raised questions as to how MCA service should continue to be provisioned. As a result, this case is anticipated to address a variety of issues such as: (1) what companies must participate in the MCA plan; (2) what customers can or must subscribe to MCA service; (3) what rates can or must be charged for MCA service; (4) what intercompany compensation

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can or must be paid; (5) should certain changes be made to the MCA plan in regards to calling scope, calling patterns and dialing arrangements; and (6) the impact of the MCA plan on telephone number conservation.

Formal evidentiary hearings in this case will begin on **May 15, 2000**, in the Commission's hearing room which is located on the fifth floor of the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City. These hearings will continue through **May 19, 2000**, if necessary.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearings who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least 10 days prior to the hearings at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline--1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline--1-800-829-7541.

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